

TOWN OF NEWFIELDS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 6:38pm. Selectmen present were Janet Smith, Wes Moore, and James McIlroy. Others present were Fran Lane, Vern Glass, Ray Buxton, Cathy Nelson, Don Doane, and Brian Knipstein.

Alexandra Parker sent a schedule of the Newfields Memorial Day Parade and celebration to the Selectmen. The parade will take place on Saturday, May 27, 2006.

Brian Knipstein informed the Board of the status of the Railroad Avenue repairs to be done by the State of New Hampshire. As the State has overexpended their funds for this project, they want to do an overlay only. An overlay will require the road to be re-built in five years rather than fifteen years as projected when the Town rebuilt the road. When the project was in the planning stages, it was agreed that the State would fix the road. The State used Railroad Avenue for a detour for fourteen months rather than the eight months they expected which caused more damage to the road.

The State has asked the Town to either accept the overlay or pay for a portion of the funds required to repair the road properly. The Town feels that they should not have to pay for repairs. They can refuse to sign off on the project until Railroad Avenue is fixed to their satisfaction. The road damage could be paid by the bonding company for the project.

Brian will discuss this with the project manager and report back to the Selectmen.

Brian Knipstein discussed a culvert on a private driveway on Meadow Road with the Selectmen. As this is a driveway culvert, the Town is not responsible for repairs or replacement. They asked Nancy to send a letter to the homeowner advising him of this fact.

At 7:03 pm Janet made a motion to go into a non-public session with Fran Lane, the Town Counsel. This was seconded by Wes and all were in favor.

The non-public session ended at 7:20pm.

Ray Buxton, Kathy Nelson, and Vern Glass from the Water and Sewer Department were in to discuss the proposed Salt Shed Easement with the Selectmen. They had concerns regarding the storage of private property (snow plows, sanders, etc.) at the Salt Shed during the off season. They want to add – no storage of private property between April 15th and October 15th. They also stated the building itself needs work. The Selectmen advised them that funds have been set aside for the needed repairs.

The Water and Sewer Department would like to be notified of any building to be done on the site so that the water and sewer lines are not damaged. The site needs to be graded for water drainage to avoid salt going into the brook.

When the trucks are being loaded, there is spillage. The Water and Sewer Department would like the workers to sweep up the spillage as it happens. The Highway Department also washes the salt off their trucks. The runoff goes into the drain and then directly into the brook. The Selectmen will ask the highway workers to wash their trucks off-site.

A revised easement will be given to the Water and Sewer Department to include their requests.

Ray stated that they need a new well. Usage has increased a great deal and 2 current wells are not producing as much water as in the past. The 2 wells have been cleaned and re-built twice. The test well off of Bassett Lane looks very promising.

The Water Department will need another storage tank and is looking at town owned land on Heath Drive. The new tank will not need to be as high as the current tank, but would have a larger diameter. The current tank cannot be painted or maintained until there is a backup tank.

It will take approximately two years to get the new well up and running.

Arsenic and MTBE are showing now on the Hemlock Court well. The water will need to be filtered or the well shut down.

Checks were signed by the Selectmen.

Janet advised that she spoke with Attorney Flygare and he promised the personnel policy this week.

The Old Post Office Building was added to the open items list.

James made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 4, 2006 meeting with minor changes. Wes seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Don Doane was in regarding signatures needed on the paperwork for the short term loan and Bond for the Piscassic Greenway purchase.

The Special Permit was received from the Department of Agriculture for Mosquito/Black Fly Control.

The State will provide new ballot counting machines to replace the ones currently owned by the Town which are now obsolete.

Comstar is billing the Town for their ambulance services. As Comstar currently owes the Town over \$1,500.00 for double payments (insurance companies and the Town), we will not pay any further invoices until the overpayment is used up or Comstar issues a check to the Town.

The Selectmen were advised that an Emergency Response Workshop will be held on April 13th, 2006.

James made a motion to adjourn at 8:45pm. The motion was seconded by Janet and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Spencer